



ARP-ESSER KEY DATES AND OPI TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY TIMELINE

- **May 24, 2021.** MT OPI allocated the school district share of the ARP ESSER funds received on March 24, 2021 through the e-grants system.
- **June 7, 2021.** Due date for submitting the ARP ESSER State Plan to the US Department of Education (OPI requirement).
- **June 8, 15, & 22, 2021.** The OPI will host **weekly Q & A Sessions** during the month of June to address questions related to ARP ESSER district plans and budgets. The session days will be June 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 9:30-10:30am. To the extent possible, please submit questions to jeffrey.kirksey@mt.gov by the close of business each Friday. Submitted questions will be addressed during the session each Tuesday 9:30am. The weekly Q&A sessions will be held through Zoom; the link and dial-in number will be the same every week.

ARP Q & A Session Link:

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/85097037609?pwd=bjM5MjNESSs3WG9OK3dIUUhYRjNXdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 9703 7609

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Find your local number: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/u/kegCMgrvm5>

- **June 16, 2021.** Final day to **submit cash requests** for June payment for all Federal programs, including ESSER.
- **June 21, 2021.** No later than June 21, 2021, but as soon as possible, the OPI must make information available on its website about the numbers of schools in the state providing each mode of instruction, student enrollment data for each mode of instruction by all students and disaggregated by subgroup, and if available student attendance data.
- **June 24, 2021.** Districts must make publicly available **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plans.**
 - If a District developed a plan before ARP was enacted that does not address the above requirements, the District must revise its plan no later than six months after it last reviewed its plan.
 - Districts need to update the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at Districts every six months through September 30, 2023 and must seek public input on the plan and any revisions and must take such input into account.



- **June 24-25, 2021.** Superintendent Arntzen is hosting the **virtual Montana Education Summit (MTEdx-21)** to support districts with educational planning opportunities. The work sessions include: Developing ARP ESSER LEA plans, Meaningful Stakeholder Consultation, Data Usage, Redefining the purpose of K-12 education, and Reimagining State Assessment. The MTEDX-21 session is a two-day event on June 24th and 25th. Registration is required and open at this link: <https://hopin.com/events/mtedx-21>
- **July 1, 2021.** The **District ARP ESSER Plan** template will open through the Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule (TEAMS) on this date (and close on August 24th in TEAMS). See August 24th detail below for more information on submitting District ARP ESSER Plans.
- **July 13, 20, & 27, 2021.** The OPI will host **three ARP ESSER Webinars** during the month of July to assist districts in developing and submitting District ARP ESSER Plans. The webinars will be recorded and posted for future viewing on the OPI webpage. The webinars will be July 13th, 20th, and 27th from 9:30 to 10:30am. The ARP ESSER webinars will be held through Zoom; the link and dial-in number will be the same every week.
ARP ESSER Webinars
<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/89630813262?pwd=SFB3TEhWc2lma2VlYkFoSFNjTXlFZz09>
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 Find your local number: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/kexjNeXVSX>
- **August 24, 2021.** Districts must **submit an ARP ESSER Plan** to the OPI through the Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule (TEAMS). The **District ARP ESSER Plan** template will open July 1st and close on August 24th in TEAMS. The requirements for the district ARP ESSER plans, must include at a minimum:
 - The extent to which and how funds will be used by the District to implement prevention and mitigation strategies,
 - How the District will use the mandatory 20% set-aside for to address the academic impact of “lost instructional time” through the implementation of evidence-based interventions,
 - How the District will use the remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with statutory requirements,
 - How the District will ensure that the ARP ESSER funded interventions, including but not limited to the 20% set-aside, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted, and
 - Consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders when developing the plan.
- **September 1, 2021.** Due date to complete and **submit ESSER II and ESSER III applications** in the E-grants system.

For more information, contact Jeff Kirksey, the ESSER Program Manager, at jeffrey.kirksey@mt.gov

Disclaimer: This information is subject to change as final guidance and information is released by the USED.

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